

High Lights on the Five Point Program
Six schools in Virginia are reported 100% Five Point.

One school has been reported 100% three years.

One county has for two years reported every white junior and senior high school pupil a "Five Pointer."

More dental corrections made.

Eye clinics in many sections of the state.

Recognition of Five Point pupils at Child Health Day.

Celebrations throughout the state.

ELLEN H. SMITH

A FIRST AID PLAYLET FOR GIRL SCOUTS

CAST OF CHARACTERS

JANE, *second class scout*

AMY, *tenderfoot*

LOUISE, *second class scout*

ELSIE, *second class scout*

MARY, *tenderfoot*

MARTHA, *tenderfoot*

SCENE

Out of doors in natural setting. Bench in center of stage.

JANE (*seated on bench, bathing foot with cotton from solution in pan. Triangular bandage and newspaper on bench*)

(*Enter Amy.*)

JANE—Hello. You're one of the new girls who came in last night, aren't you?

AMY—Yes. What are you doing?

JANE—Bathing this poison ivy.

AMY—Poison ivy! Huh, that don't look like the poison ivy I had last summer.

JANE—No? What did you do for yours?

AMY—Nothing. That is, until it got so bad I had to leave camp, and Mother took me to our doctor. I had it all over my legs and arms, too.

JANE—Yes, I bet you scratched it.

AMY—Of course I did; it itched like everything. Doesn't yours?

JANE—Not with this boric acid solution, it doesn't; anyway, it's 'most well now.

AMY—Where did you get it? How long have you had it? Is there much of it round here? I sure don't want it again.

JANE—Well, you see, it was like this: Tuesday we went on a canoe trip, and coming back, one of the canoes sprang a leak, so we had to paddle ashore and fix it. That delayed us some, and it was dark when we got back to camp. I got off the path and into this stuff before I knew it. You wouldn't catch me near it in the day. No, sir! I know it too well.

AMY—You mean you know it when you see it? You can tell it's poison ivy?

JANE—Sure. Can't you?

AMY—No. How do you tell?

JANE—Why, it's a climbing shrub. The stem has little roots that cling to things, and the leaves have three irregularly notched leaflets. It's bright red in spring and fall, and has a greenish flower in May and June, and a white berry in winter. You can get the poison from the dried stems if you aren't careful, even from the smoke when you are burning the dried plant!

AMY—My, you know a lot. I guess you are first class?

JANE—No, just second.

AMY—Where did you get that pour-it acid solution?

JANE—Boric acid solution. Made it.

AMY—Made it? How?

JANE—One teaspoonful boric acid powder, one pint of water, and there you are. (*Dries foot with piece of cloth.*) Now I'll put this bandage on, and I'll be all fixed. (*Puts on triangular bandage, sock, and shoe from which lace has been removed.*) I am certainly glad I only have this on top my foot, so it doesn't hurt to wear my shoe. (*Rolls cotton and cloth up in newspaper.*) Now I must burn this. (*Goes off.*)

AMY—(*Sits on bench.*) I wonder where Mary and Martha are. I guess they've

gone swimming. I hope my suit comes tomorrow. Bet I don't forget it next time.

(Enter Louise and Elsie, Louise holding up hand.)

LOUISE—I didn't know that pan was hot! I don't think it's much of a burn, but it does hurt.

AMY—(Goes up to them.) Oh, what did you do to your hand?

LOUISE—I burned it.

AMY—What's that you have all over it?

LOUISE—Unguentine.

AMY—Where did you get it?

LOUISE—From our first aid kit. Elsie, will you put this bandage on for me?

ELSIE—Of course, I will (Takes bandage from Louise and puts it on her hand, then stands back and looks at it.) You know, Louise, I believe that would feel better if you wore it in a sling today.

LOUISE—Yes, I think it would. Here's my tie. Will you fix it? (Elsie fixes sling, and Louise places hand and arm in sling.)

LOUISE—That's just fine, now, so much more comfortable than just hanging down.

AMY—My goodness! You girls know a lot! I had to do an awful lot of talking to get my mother to let me come here; she doesn't think much of camping since I had such a time with poison ivy last summer. I am going to write her today that you all know just what to do when anything happens.

ELSIE—Yes, and you tell her we know what not to do, too. That's just as important.

LOUISE—And when you go home this time, you'll know these things, too.

AMY—Goody! Then I'll be second class.

(Enter Mary and Martha, looking very sad.)

MARTHA—She said my bed looked like it hadn't been made at all, and by the time I had made it over, the others had gone swimming, and here I am.

MARY—My bed's back in the corner, and

I was hoping she wouldn't see it, but she did. (Sighs.)

MARTHA—Well, I came to camp to have fun, not to make old beds all the time.

MARY—I made mine just as good as I ever made it at home.

ELSIE—So you girls have had to make your beds over. Why didn't you make them hospital style in the first place?

MARTHA—Hospital style? I can't do that; I've never been in a hospital.

MARY—I haven't had my tonsils taken out, either.

ELSIE—Silly, you don't have to go to a hospital to learn to make a hospital bed. Why, you have to know that before you are second class.

LOUISE—We could teach you now, only I can't do much with one hand. Here comes Jane, though; she'll help.

JANE—Sure, I'll help. What is it?

MARY—Teach us to make our beds hospital style.

JANE—Sure. We can do that right now.

MARTHA—No. Let's wait until tomorrow. I've already made mine twice today, and I do hate to make beds.

LOUISE—But it's fun to make them this way.

ELSIE—And when you make them this way they stay made.

MARTHA—Well, I am glad to hear that. Come on, let's go, then.

AMY—(Goes up to Louise.) I'll make yours every day, Louise, until your hand is well.

LOUISE—Oh, thanks, Amy. (Second class scouts put arms around tenderfoot scouts and all go off.)

(CURTAIN)

MARY R. WAPLES

Let us not always say,
"Spite of this flesh today
I strove, made head, gained ground upon the
whole!"

As the bird wings and sings,
Let us cry, "All good things
Are ours, nor soul help flesh more, now, than
flesh helps soul!"

—Robert Browning.